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SUBJECT: TAP-DETA TALKS RESUME

1. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL JULY 13 OF TAP DELEGATION
HEADED BY COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT JOSE FERRAZ FOR TALKS ON RE-
ESTABLISHMENT OF TAP FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE. WHEN ASKED BY
REPORTER ON LIKELIHOOD THIS HAPPENING, FERRAZ REMARKED "IN

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COMPANIES WHICH REPRESENT DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN."

2. FERRAZ ALSO STATED HE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THE MARCH NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGAL, ALTHOUGH SUSPENSION OF TAP
FLIGHTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WAS REPORTEDLY ONE OF THE SUBJECTS
DISCUSSED.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL BANKING SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT ONLY AFTER UN-
PUBLICIZED VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE OF TWO UNNAMED MFA MEMBERS WAS
IMPASSE IN MOZAMBIQUE-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS BROKEN. MFA MEMBERS
WERE DESCRIBED AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE APRIL 1974 COUP, WERE
PREVIOUSLY STATIONED IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND WERE VERY FRIENDLY TOWARDS
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MACHEL AND FRELIMO. AFTER THIS VISIT, SOURCE STATED MACHEL

VISITED PRISONS AND AGREED TO RELEASE OF PORTUGUESE PRISONERS.
MACHEL ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON OTHER
OUTSTANDING ISSUES, OF WHICH RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF TAP FLIGHTS
TO MOZAMBIQUE IS ONE.
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